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Work Plan

The following document outlines the activities proposed to be developed by the DPK Consulting / Justicia y Gobernabilidad Project funded by USAID, during the contract option period from May 2005 to May 2006. It is intended to be the guide for the execution of activities as well as for discussion and collaboration with USAID and our partners in the Dominican Republic.

As established in the proposal, the cross-cutting principles that generally apply to all of the activities proposed are the following:

- The project will address a broad scope of issues in ROL and Transparency to meet outcomes, ensure sustainability and maintain reform momentum in as many areas as possible. The proposed activities are focused on sustainability such as train-the-trainers, institution building, the design of management models for criminal courts, prosecutors offices and public defense through pilot programs, and the development of a national model on Alternative Resolutions to Conflict.
- Activities will leverage and build on relationships developed during the first phase of the project and past successes, such as support for the strengthening of the National Public Defense Office, activities to support the ongoing implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), specialized training and inter-institutional coordination through the *Circulos de Innovación*. Likewise, the project team will provide continuity to programs already in progress.
- In the Justice Component, the project will establish new pilot projects in La Romana, La Vega and Baní, in coordination with the local prosecution offices, public defender offices, courts, and civil society organizations. Under the Transparency Component we will collaborate with the National Commission for Anti Corruption Policies of the Executive Branch and with other USAID funded projects in the design of pilot projects in areas such as health or energy. In both cases our goal is to develop practical solutions to implementation problems and complement work done on a national level.

Methodology:

The development of the activities will be performed in a coordinated manner in consensus with the national counterparts, as well as with FINJUS and Participación Ciudadana. Institutional technical assistance will be provided through the experts who make up the Justicia y Gobernabilidad Project, as well as international and national experts.

A program for "grant" donations will be implemented, addressed to civil society organizations, which will fulfill a double function: a) institutional strengthening, and b) providing the participation of these organizations in the monitoring of public management, both for the subject of justice and for transparency.

Communication:

The project will maintain permanent communication with the USAID representatives, in order to guarantee a flow of infomation and communication, besides sending the reports required in the contract.